

THE SCHOOL ELECTION

Darla walked quickly down the hall towards homeroom. It would not be wise to [or/ if/ be] late for Mr. Jones' homeroom time. Mr. Jones [was/ run/ take] known for yelling at the top [in/ of/ to] his voice whenever anyone was late [you/ for/ bid] his class. Darla slid into her seat just [batter/ gather/ before] the homeroom bell rang. Mr. Jones [called/ toyed/ under] roll first. Then he took up [think/ matter/ lunch] money and asked everyone to be [quiet/ patter/ winds] for the morning announcements. The voice [at/ of/ so] Mr. Kidd, the principal, came over [out/ the/ mat] loudspeaker. "Good morning, students," said Mr. Kidd. "[Weird/ Jump/ Today] is the first day of September [the/ and/ net] we must start electing officers for [the/ me/ not] school. Remember, if you want to [is/ be/ are] an officer, you must come and let [or/ me/ in] know." Darla began to think about [being/ blue/ want] an officer as Mr. Kidd read [are/ gate/ the] rest of the announcements. "I wouldn't [lair/ mind/ well] being president," she thought.

The next day, Darla [told/ very/ that] Mr. Kidd that she would like [we/ so/ to] run for president of the school. "[Out/ Pat/ It's] a tough job," said Mr. Kidd, "but I [other/ think/ place] you would make a good president." Darla [keep/ talked/ river] to her two best friends and [got/ care/ very] them to help her make signs [at/ in/ to] put in the hall. Her signs [part/ jello/ said], DARLA FOR PRESIDENT, ONLY THE BEST [FALL/ WILL/ SAT] DO.

Darla also began talking to the students [it/ in/ or] the hall and asking them to

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[carp/ blue/ vote] for her. Darla knew that Eddie [rake/ doll/ also] wanted to be school president. His [hall/ even/ farm] signs said, EDDIE IS READY TO [US/ OR/ BE] YOUR PRESIDENT. Eddie said mean things about/ great/ every] Darla to the other students. He [ants/ said/ nice] that Darla was just a girl [dial/ and/ soup] would not be a good president. Darla [decided/ trouble/ raisin] that she would not be mean [like/ easy/ nape] Eddie. She would not lower herself [go/ to/ tie] his level.

At last, the day [his/ of/ by] the elections arrived. Darla felt very [ration/ vacation/ nervous] when she woke up that morning. [Past/ Your/ She] wanted to win, but the mean [change/ things/ nature] Eddie had said about her may [have/ time/ hope] made people change their minds. They [may/ ear/ low] not want to vote for her. [Pop/ The/ Ill] voting booth at school was very [busy/ hope/ tune]. Almost all of the students at [rodeo/ school/ overly] had voted. At the end of [lot/ bid/ the] day Mr. Kidd's voice came over [need/ buy/ the] intercom. "Students," he said, "I want [to/ an/ let] give you the results of today's [election/ letters/ traffic]." He read out the names of [how/ the/ you] new secretary and vice- president. At last [as/ he/ in] was ready to announce the [new/ you/ file] president. Darla sat in her seat pretending [your/ add/ that] she did not care, but inside [ask/ she/ her] stomach was in knots. "Our new president [care/ is/ kind] Darla Reed!" said Mr. Kidd. Darla [slid/ navy/ oven] down in her seat with a [leg/ wag/ big] grin on her face. She had [did/ won/ cat] the race!